GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:50
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2000
PERFORMANCE OF MAJOR PORTS AND PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of major ports and ongoing projects in the major ports recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof in terms of standard norms and targets laid for the last three years, project-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of the major problems being faced at major ports in general and Maharashtra in particular along with the action taken/to be taken for their redressal;

(d) the details regarding the increase in the volume of goods traffic on the major ports in the country during last three years; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to handle the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 50 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 2000 ASKED BY SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K.PATIL REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF MAJOR PORTS AND PROJECTS

(a) & (b): Review of the performance of Major Ports and the progress of the ongoing projects is being undertaken regularly. The performance factors for the Major Ports during the last three years are given in the following table:-

Sl.No.	Indicator	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Average pre-berthing detention (days)	3.1	2.4	2.1
2.	Average Turn Round time (days)	7.5	6.6	5.9
3	Average Output per ship berth day (in tonnes)	4497	4634	4915
4	Average Percentage of Idle time of ships at berth to total time at berth	36%	30%	29%

It may be seen from the above that all the performance indicators have been showing improvement consistently. The status of projects costing over Rs. 100.00 crores being monitored intensively is as follows:-

S.No	Scheme	Date of Sanction	Estimated Cost Orgl	Estimated Cost Revised	Completion date Original	Completion date Revised	BE 1999-2000	Cumulative exp. (Rs.in cr) So far Incurred	Cumulative exp. (Rs.in cr) From current Years budget
1	Construction of	23.4.93	593.00	950.00 cr	April, 98	July,2000	294.00 cr.	576.85cr	164.18 cr.

New Port at Ennore (Yet to be sanctioned)

2 Construction of 23.4.93 587.41 825.11 cr April, 98 Dec.,2000 319.00 cr. 491.52cr 162.04 cr.
Mechanised Coal (Yet to be sanctioned)
Handling at Paradip

3. Replacement of 7 sub- 28.03.95 165.15 286.60 cr Dec., 1997 June,2000 160..00 cr. 96.64 .cr. 91.40 cr.
marine pipelines at (Yet to be sanctioned)
Marine Oil Terminal
at Mumbai.

4. Modernization of MOT 11.08.97 167.99 215.34 cr Feb, 2003 Feb.2003 12.00 cr. 3.21 cr. 1.30 cr
Berth J1, J2 & J3, (Yet to be sanctioned)
Mumbai Port Trust

5. Capital Dredging at 21.7.98 206.16 April,2000 Completed 146.00cr. 169.98cr 164.80 cr
Tuticorin Port Trust

6. Additional Port 16.7.99 236.50 Jan.,2002 30.00 cr 16.11 cr 16.11 cr
Facilities for
expansion of Mangalore
Refinery from 3 to
9 MTPA at NMPT

(c) The Major Ports are facing following problems in general:-

(i) Old and obsolete equipments

(ii) Low productivity of workers

(iii) Lack of professionalism in Port functioning.

In the State of Maharashtra, there are two Major Ports namely Jawaharlal Nehruand Mumbai Ports. While Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust faces no major problems, Mumbai Port Trust faces the problem of declining cargo, surplus manpower, increasing overheads etc.

Following action has been initiated to tackle these problems:-

(i) Government has initiated a process of modernisation of Port equipment.

(ii) Port Sector has been thrown open for Private Sector participation.

(iii) Decision has been taken to corporatise the existing Ports in a phased manner
inter-alia to introduce better managerial practices.

(d) The details of volume of goods traffic during the last three years are as follows:-

Year	Traffic (In Million Tonnes)
1996-97	227.26
1997-98	251.66

(e) The cargo handling capacity as on 31st March, 1999 was 240 million tonnes. As this capacity is over stretched, measures have been initiated to modernise the ports and to create additional 160 million tonnes capacity in the Major Ports during the 9th Plan consistent with the expected growth of Port traffic.